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Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
 Chevy Chase Village Hall
 Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.
 Note: The full agenda will be available on
 the Village website by Friday, December 8.



Season's Greetings!

Mark Your Calendar for the Annual Village Holiday Party

The Annual Chevy Chase Village Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Festivities will include a visit with Santa Claus and a separate children's buffet this year.

So mark your calendars for the 13th and make your reservations by calling the Village at (301) 654-7300 or by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Resident Survey Priorities and Other Initiatives

The triennial resident survey is complete with Village Committees now poring over the data and written comments. Executed during this past autumn in order to support this winter's budgetary work, the survey confirmed resident priorities emphasizing:

- 1) Continued high Police responsiveness coupled with innovation focused on increased public safety and effective traffic enforcement;
- 2) Increased attention to sidewalks maintenance and restoration throughout the Village together with improved effectiveness and coverage of street lighting; and
- 3) Continued vigilance and improvement in managing home improvement projects and the impacts these projects have on nearby residents, the surrounding neighborhood and the Village community overall.

In addition to the above survey-supported priorities, the Village Board, staff and Committee volunteers continue to build momentum behind numerous on-going high priority initiatives. These include increased pedestrian safety and traffic calming in the Brookville Road corridor; improved Village-wide storm water facilities and their proper function; reduced risk of utility failures resulting in either sewer backups or power outages; sustained high effectiveness in Village tree care and maintenance programs; and pursuit of increased competition for telephone, internet and video services with minimally disruptive construction and installation activity.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals
 5416 Center Street
 5412 Center Street
Old Business
New Business
Chairman's Report
Manager's Report
Police Report
Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and See the Enclosed Flyers & Articles

December 9: Parents' Afternoon Out
December 13: Village's Annual Holiday Party
December 14 & 22: Wrap & Roll Days
Week of January 1, 2007: Beginning of First
 Class Session

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
 Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org

In The Village

Latex Paint Disposal

Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash. Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Suggestions for Leftover LATEX Paint...

Use It Up! Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, communities, religious and theater groups will accept unopened cans, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint. Pass It On! Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. Avoid waste, buy only what you need.

Dry It Up! Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans with 1/4 or less paint in them will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, or "Waste Paint Hardener™" available at all McCormick Paint Stores and most area hardware stores.

Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas and on Monday, January 1, 2007 to celebrate the New Year.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The deadline to submit articles for the January 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Tuesday, December 26.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its January 8, 2006 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26.

Board Actions - November 13, 2006

Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: October 9, 2006 Meeting: Approved.

Appeals: A-1586—2 Newlands St.: (a) Removal of a 15.4-inch diameter Cherry tree and a (b) 13.3-inch diameter Cherry tree, both located in the front yard of the property—Approved. A-1588—3 Grafton St.: Removal of a 13.0-inch diameter Pin Oak tree located in the side yard of the property—Approved. A-1569—29 Primrose St.: Removal of a 10.8-inch diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved. A-5173—29 Primrose St.: Replace an existing chain link fence and two gates measuring 5-feet in height with a tongue and groove solid board fence and two gates measuring 6-feet, 6-inches in height located 2-inches inside the east property line beginning at the north property line and connecting with the porch on the east side of the house in the Brookville Road front yard. One gate would be located along the east property line and the other gate would be located between the porch on the east side of the house and the east property line—Approved. A-5175—27 Quincy St.: Construct a rear stoop, a portion of which would encroach 2-feet into the 7-foot side yard setback—Approved. A-5177—5501 Montgomery St.: Demolish main residence—Approved. A-5176—5501 Montgomery St.: (a) Install a pool, which would be located 10-feet from the south property line; and (b) Install a pool deck, which would be located 5-feet from the south property line—Denied. A-1587—5501 Montgomery St.: (a) Removal of a 16.0-inch diameter Persimmon tree located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate a proposed pool; (b) Removal of a 14.2-inch diameter Tulip tree located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate a proposed pool; (c) Removal of a 35.0-inch diameter Red Maple tree located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate a proposed new house—Approved.

Old Business: Chevy Chase West Funding Support—The Board approved the request from Chevy Chase West for \$2,000 to assist with their financial costs for a legal battle challenging issuance of a Business License by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".



Please call the Communications Center or visit the Village website to schedule a House Check before leaving town for the Holidays.

The Village Hall

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The rates for rental of the two larger rooms are reduced for children's (ages 12 and under) parties. The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyrly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

Winter Classes Registration

The first classes session of 2007 will begin the week of January 1. Class flyers, including the schedule and enrollment form, are enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* and are available in the Village office and website.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. The Commission will not meet in the month of December. Their next meeting date will be announced in the January 2007 issue of the *Crier*.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

We all know how difficult holiday shopping can be, especially with kids in-tow. To help parents out with their holiday shopping this year, CYF will sponsor a special "Parents' Afternoon Out" on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Parents are encouraged to use this afternoon to do some holiday shopping (or whatever else you need to do).

Residents can contact the Committee's Co-Chairs by email with ideas for new activities, or to volunteer for future events: Amy Cooper at acelle@aol.com or Karen Spangler at karensangler@comcast.net.

Toddlers' Group Returns

GREAT NEWS! The Toddlers' Group will reconvene this winter. Two Village moms, Lesley McNamara and Kristen Best, will be coordinating regular play groups as well as a few special events.

We want to hear from you to identify the best time for a regular play group. There are two times available at the Village Hall: Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 or Thursday mornings 10:30 - 11:30. We hope to have lots of kids and their parents and/or caregivers attend, so we are asking that you let us know what day and time works best for you. Please email Kristen Best at kristenabest@yahoo.com with your preference by December 18. We will announce the regular schedule in the January edition of the *Crier*.

Please also watch for our announcement regarding a fun January kick off of the new Toddlers' Group. We will have a music program with snacks and drinks for the kids (and adults too!). We hope everyone will attend!

We would like to give a special thank you to Elizabeth Bausch for all of her hard work organizing and running the Toddlers' Group. We wish her all the best in her "grown up kids" adventures!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or Lesley McNamara at (301) 718-8383.

The 2006 Resident Directory is available for pick-up in the Village office and Communications Center.



Wrap & Roll Days

The Building Facilities Commission will sponsor two "Wrap & Roll Days" on Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 22. Residents are invited to stop by the Village Hall anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on these two days to wrap gifts and socialize with neighbors.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information. We look forward to seeing several residents at these two days of wrapping and fun!

In The Village

Autumn Leaves



The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort is underway. Two leaf vacuums will be running as often as needed from now through the middle of December or as long as needed.

Residents planning to rake their leaves into piles are requested to rake them as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the gutter. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Residents are asked not to box in piles of leaves with cars both for easier accessibility for the leaf crews and additional safety for your vehicles.

Residents on Bradley Lane should put their leaves in paper bags and place them at the roadside. Bradley Lane is the only area where bagging is required. Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from the leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades on the leaf machines and repairs to the vacuum machinery can cause delays in the pick up schedule.

Licensing for Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to **prune** and **remove** trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application now requires the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Permits will not be issued if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

This service helps people with limited mobility manage to live at home. Can you spare a few hours on weekday mornings for any of these tasks?

- Drive your own car (in nearby neighborhoods)
- Accompany a driver and deliver meals to clients' doors
- Help staff the desk

Professionally prepared and packaged meals are brought to an office at the National Presbyterian Church (Van Ness St. & Nebraska Ave.) each morning Monday through Friday. From 9:00-10:00 a.m. volunteers receive the meals and arrange them in containers for delivery to clients. Some of these volunteers also remain at the office to receive calls.

At 10:00, volunteer driver and visitor teams pick-up the containers of meals and driving instructions. They deliver the meals in the neighborhood routes around Georgetown, upper Wisconsin/Connecticut Avenues, American University Park, Wesley Heights and Spring Valley. Each driver and visitor team delivers meals to about 10 homes and returns containers to the office. Work is completed by 12 noon.

Please call for more information: (202) 966-8111.

Village Listserve

As a direct way for the Village staff and Board to disseminate important information directly to residents personal computers, the Village staff is proud to introduce the Chevy Chase Village Listserve at Yahoo!® Groups.

To subscribe, go to www.groups.yahoo.com and click on Sign Up!, which will direct you to the Registration page. Follow the instructions to enroll. IMPORTANT: If you do not already have a Yahoo!® email address and/or if you do not wish to obtain a Yahoo!® email address, you must **uncheck** the "Create my free Yahoo!® email address" checkbox on the Registration page.

The listserve is closely monitored. Any users considered to be offensive or inappropriate will be blocked from the listserve.

Listserve have become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. Village residents can post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this new service. If you have any questions or need assistance enrolling, please email Shana Davis-Cook in the Village office at: shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Speed Cameras in Montgomery County

A law passed in March 2006 will allow the use of photo speed cameras on roadways in Montgomery County. The Village Police, Rockville City, and Gaithersburg will partner with Montgomery County Police to begin using speed cameras to reduce speeding on selected roads with speed limits of 35 mph or less. Motorists who exceed the posted speed limit by at least 10 mph will cause the issuance of a Civil Citation along with a \$40 fine to the vehicle's registered owner. No points will be assessed to the owner's driving record and insurance companies may not increase costs to the owner because of the civil citation.

Once a vendor is selected and awarded a contract by Montgomery County, Village officials will meet with the vendor to discuss camera locations and costs. Initial locations within the Village are anticipated along north and southbound Connecticut Avenue. Warning citations will be issued for the first 30 days that the cameras are operational and signage will warn potential violators that speed cameras are in place similar to current signage throughout the County for Red Light cameras.

Safe Travel Tips

It is important when traveling, especially during the Holiday Season, to take precautions.

When traveling by car, wear your seatbelt, obey the speed limit and keep the following items in your car in case of emergency: flares, flashlight and fire extinguisher; spare tire and tire changing kit; blankets; water supply; non-perishable food items; first aid kit; and either a cell phone with battery or change for using a pay phone.

When traveling by plane, arrive at least two hours ahead of time for domestic flights and three hours ahead of time for overseas flights. Be prepared to follow security procedures. In addition, have photo identification ready; have passport and/or visa for foreign travel; avoid areas known for terrorism; pack lightly and receive the proper medications or vaccinations for travel to that area.

In all cases, do not travel alone at night and avoid poorly lit streets; stay in hotels with good security; pack an extra supply of medication; wear comfortable clothing/footwear; and use common sense to avoid being a victim of crime.

Take the Lead—Don't Speed on Village Streets

Speeding in residential neighborhoods represents the single greatest complaint issue to police departments and local government officials throughout the U.S. The struggle for us is to strike a balance between vehicular traffic and everyone else who uses Village streets: the pedestrians, cyclists, business people, tradesmen, dog walkers and residents and their guests.

When you drive on Village streets consider these facts as reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 Foundation:

- Most speeders in your neighborhood, live in your neighborhood.
 - Crash rates increase faster with an increase in speed on residential streets than on major roads.
 - The death rate per million miles driven on residential streets is almost 3 times the death rate on highways.
- Consider these facts: if you hit a pedestrian:

*at 20 mph, 5% will die

*at 30 mph, 45% will die

*at 40 mph, 85% will die

What can Village residents do?

- Obey the 25 mph speed limit and drive by example;
- Encourage your guests and visitors to be aware and drive with care on Village streets;
- Talk to your neighbors about your concern for the safety of the entire neighborhood;
- At STOP signs: Come to a complete stop. Look left. Look right. Look left again to make sure all is clear before proceeding. Look for pedestrians/bicyclists and wave them through until they are safely across the street before proceeding.
- Report aggressive drivers to the Village Police at (301) 654-7300.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library December 2006



The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Great Books Discussion Group: POETICS by Aristotle. Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Toddler Times: Stories, rhymes and other activities for ages 18-36 months. (Seating is limited and free tickets will be distributed before each program.)

Tuesday, December 5 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Thursday, December 7 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Tuesday, December 12 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Thursday, December 14 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.

Born to Read: Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories. No registration required. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.

Preschool Storytime: Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

Rent the Village Hall for Your Next Event!

Somerset Elementary School Rededication on January 7, 2006

Submitted by Iona Klayman

On January 7th at 2pm Somerset Elementary will celebrate the opening of our new school with a rededication ceremony. Entertainment will be provided by some of our 5th grade musicians and singers. Local dignitaries and school board members will be in attendance. We will also be recognizing those volunteers who gave many hours toward the rebuilding of our school. We would like to invite all current students and families, as well as Somerset alumni and any families in the surrounding communities that would like to attend. The rededication ceremony did not take place last year due to some outstanding issues, but now that everything is complete please mark your calendars to celebrate!

MVA on Wheels



The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will NOT visit the Friendship Heights Village Center during the month of December 2006. See the January 2006 issue of the *Crier* for their next scheduled visit.

For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Having your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Dumpster use in the Village requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available in the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is prohibited prior to 8:00 a.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. weekends.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

There will be **no** trash collection on neither Monday, December 25 in observance of Christmas, **nor** on Monday, January 1, 2007 for New Year's Day. Collection will slide one day so Monday's collections will be made on Tuesday; Tuesday's collections will be made on Wednesday; Wednesday's collections will be made on Thursday; Thursday's collections will be made on Friday; and Friday's collections will be made on Saturday.

Recycling collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Thursday, December 28 and Thursday, January 4, respectively. **Recycling** collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be

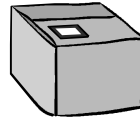
collected on Friday, December 29 and Friday, January 5, respectively.

Special pick-ups will **not** be affected and will be collected on their regularly scheduled days, Wednesday, December 27 and Wednesday, January 3, respectively.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager November 2006

5514 Center St.....Remove portion of fence/driveway, replace with grass
3 Newlands St.....Demo./addition of breakfast room, renovation
1/3 E. Kirke St.....Replace shared driveway apron at the curbside
15 W. Lenox St.....Install a pool and spa in the rear yard

Cardboard Box Collection



Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

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Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 13, 2006
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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